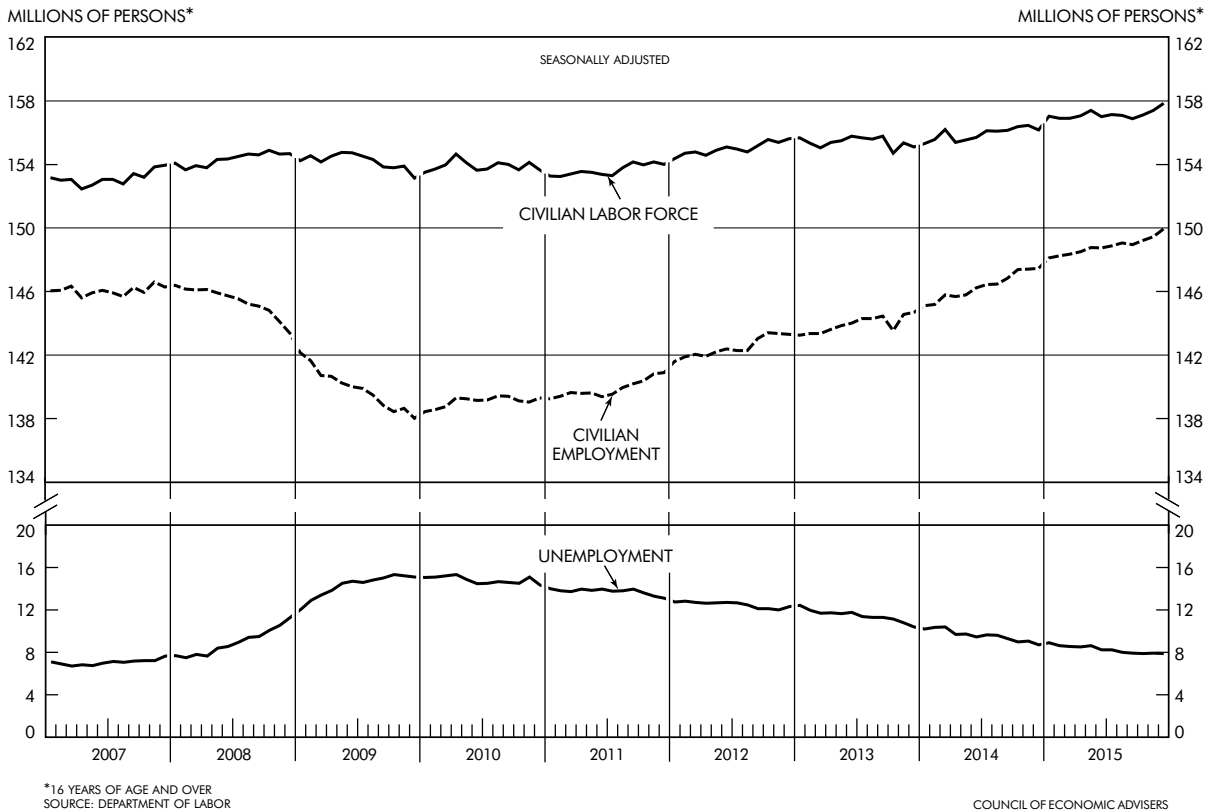


EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND WAGES

Status of the Labor Force

In December, employment as measured by the household survey rose by 485,000 and unemployment fell 20,000.



[Thousands of persons 16 years of age and over, except as noted; monthly data seasonally adjusted except as noted by NSA]

Period	Civilian noninstitutional population (NSA)	Civilian labor force	Civilian employment				Unemployment				Not in labor force	Percent ¹		
			Total	Men 20 years and over	Women 20 years and over	Both sexes 16-19 years	Total	Men 20 years and over	Women 20 years and over	Both sexes 16-19 years		Labor force participation rate	Employment/population ratio	Unemployment rate
2006	228,815	151,428	144,427	74,431	63,834	6,162	7,001	3,131	2,751	1,119	77,387	66.2	63.1	4.6
2007	231,867	153,124	146,047	75,337	64,799	5,911	7,078	3,259	2,718	1,101	78,743	66.0	63.0	4.6
2008	233,788	154,287	145,362	74,750	65,039	5,573	8,924	4,297	3,342	1,285	79,501	66.0	62.2	5.8
2009	235,801	154,142	139,877	71,341	63,699	4,837	14,265	7,555	5,157	1,552	81,659	65.4	59.3	9.3
2010	237,830	153,889	139,064	71,230	63,456	4,378	14,825	7,763	5,534	1,528	83,941	64.7	58.5	9.6
2011	239,618	153,617	139,869	72,182	63,360	4,327	13,747	6,898	5,450	1,400	86,001	64.1	58.4	8.9
2012	243,284	154,975	142,469	73,403	64,640	4,426	12,506	5,984	5,125	1,397	88,310	63.7	58.6	8.1
2013	245,679	155,389	143,929	74,176	65,295	4,458	11,460	5,568	4,565	1,327	90,290	63.2	58.6	7.4
2014	247,947	155,922	146,305	75,471	66,287	4,548	9,617	4,585	3,926	1,106	92,025	62.9	59.0	6.2
2015	250,801	157,130	148,834	76,776	67,323	4,734	8,296	3,959	3,371	966	93,671	62.7	59.3	5.3
2014: Dec ^f	249,027	156,142	147,439	76,085	66,597	4,757	8,704	4,237	3,509	957	92,885	62.7	59.2	5.6
2015: Jan ^f	249,723	157,025	148,104	76,472	66,932	4,700	8,920	4,265	3,559	1,096	92,699	62.9	59.3	5.7
Feb ^f	249,899	156,878	148,231	76,575	66,866	4,790	8,646	4,194	3,469	984	93,022	62.8	59.3	5.5
Mar ^f	250,080	156,890	148,333	76,647	66,909	4,777	8,557	4,084	3,455	1,018	93,190	62.7	59.3	5.5
Apr ^f	250,266	157,032	148,509	76,773	66,972	4,763	8,523	4,063	3,481	980	93,234	62.7	59.3	5.4
May ^f	250,455	157,367	148,748	76,807	67,175	4,766	8,619	4,048	3,538	1,033	93,089	62.8	59.4	5.5
June ^f	250,663	156,984	148,722	76,762	67,302	4,659	8,262	3,890	3,355	1,018	93,679	62.6	59.3	5.3
July ^f	250,876	157,115	148,866	76,871	67,323	4,672	8,249	3,880	3,460	909	93,761	62.6	59.3	5.3
Aug ^f	251,096	157,061	149,043	76,865	67,504	4,674	8,018	3,776	3,301	941	94,035	62.6	59.4	5.1
Sept ^f	251,325	156,867	148,942	76,775	67,465	4,702	7,925	3,803	3,214	908	94,458	62.4	59.3	5.1
Oct ^f	251,541	157,096	149,197	76,857	67,624	4,715	7,899	3,803	3,209	887	94,446	62.5	59.3	5.0
Nov ^f	251,747	157,367	149,444	76,823	67,891	4,729	7,924	3,800	3,249	875	94,380	62.5	59.4	5.0
Dec	251,936	157,833	149,929	77,119	67,911	4,899	7,904	3,808	3,157	938	94,103	62.6	59.5	5.0

¹ Civilian labor force (or employment) as percent of civilian noninstitutional population; and unemployment as percent of civilian labor force.

Note: Beginning each January, data reflect revised population controls and are not strictly comparable with earlier data.

See *Employment and Earnings* for details on breaks in series.

Data reflect annual revisions released January 8, 2016; seasonally adjusted data revised beginning 2011.

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics).